

# Washoe County, Nevada

## ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS,** Religion is complex, powerful and includes more than just one particular tradition; if we search deeper, we shall find that we have more in common than in conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** The Faith Forum is a weekly interfaith dialogue column in the Reno Gazette-Journal, which completed five years in February 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** Led by distinguished religious statesman, Rajan Zed, who has been bestowed with the “World Interfaith Leader Award”, to produce weekly discussions about important religious issues; and

**WHEREAS,** Panelists include Father Robert W. Chorey, Father Charles T. Durante, Monique Jacobs, Lauri Anne Reinhart—all Roman Catholic; Dr. Steve Bond (Christian Church); Dr. Sherif A. Elfass (Muslim); Father Stephen R. Karcher (Greek Orthodox); Reverend Matthew T. Fisher (Buddhist); Rabbi ElizaBeth Webb Beyer (Jewish); Sharla S. Hales and Ryan J. Earl—both of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Dr. Bradley S. Corbin (Baha’i); Brian E. Melendez (Native American spirituality); and Dr. Kenneth G. Lucey (religion professor at UNR). Guest panelists, belonging to diverse religions/denominations, are also invited to participate from time to time; and

**WHEREAS,** It has provided a successful partnership for constructive and respectful dialogue to foster mutual understanding, trust and loyalty in our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners commends Rajan Zed and other esteemed area religious leaders for their contributions to the RGJ Faith Forum column.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Kitty K. Jung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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